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TUCUMCARI, QUAY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1919

TUCUMCARI DECIDES TO GO AFTER THE **NEW IRON SMELTER**

The meeting Tuesday night at the Vorenberg Hotel to see whether Tucumcari wants the smelter was atthe expressions of those who talked the smelter.

H. Bonem was selected as chairman and he called upon Mr. Devor to open the meeting which he did with a few remarks. He told of his mining property and the ore which tests better than 60 per cent high grade iron. He is more than \$40 per ton, which will ter the smelter is built and handling ter be located in Tucumcari, but there of charge. are other towns bidding for it.

A. D. Goldenberg made a short talk in favor of the smelter. He said he was in favor of stimulating the town by encouraging industries of this char-

H. B. Jones: "I think Tucumcari is a logical point for a smelter."

J. R. Wasson said he would subscribe for \$1000 worth of stock or give Mr. A. D. Goldenberg, the company 10 acres of land if the Dear Mr. Goldenberg: freight and other rates are satisfaca profitable investment.

. D. Beeth told of the development It carries enough lime to make it practically self-fluxing. He said "If this ore can be shipped to Pueblo and made in Tucumcari would save about one ence to the standing held by your high accompanist, half the cost, therefore it is feasible school during 1910 to 1915. This was vicinity." He said steel is based on iron and there will be a market for this product.

Dr. Scott gave his experience, having lived in a smelter district where fuel was scarce and had to be shipped in. He said it seemed to him to that the graduates from the high be quite logical to haul the ore to the fuel.

Jos. Israel: "We should get to work and build the smelter. I am in favor of the proposition if it is feasible."

D. E. Bent: "I am inclined to believe that a smelter would be a paying proposition if operated properly. we feel that it will make good I administrative school man. am in favor of it and will help make

H. E. Stansbury said there was sufficient amount of ore and the building of a smelter here is a logical prop-

T. A. Muirhead said he came here in good shape and the citizenship is ting down to write. always anxious to make this a real fuel are great assets. Agriculture is crop we talked about all summer. not sure, tat he thinks Tucumcari is tions promoted by outsiders. When have them with you."

"I am sure there is H. Goodman: plenty of ore. We have nothing to a square deal. lose but everything to gain. I am in favor of the proposition.

J. A. Dykes asked Mr. Devor how much the citizens were supposed to put up and how much is the company to put up? Mr. Devor then told of the large force of men at work for several months developing the mines cents a pound. and the amount of ore already exposed, the value of the mines and the stock with which to build the smelter and the stockholders would share in the earnings of the company.

P. B. Henderlite likened the smelter to a railroad proposition, but ininvesting it in something that will bring you big dividends which he estimates at better than 300 per cent on the investment.

E. S. Paddock said he had perfected a patent that would require iron and steel to manufacture the article in question and he and associates are can be secured the cheapest and if a mas." smelter is built here they may decide

to locate in Tucumcari. J. B. Porter told the men present he thought they were making a mistake by not jumping at this proposition.

After a number of talks and more questions answered by Mr. Devor, it was moved and seconded that Tucumcari go after the smelter and the busiwill raise the money if the proposition Tucumcari next week.

THE FOLLOWING LETTERS

Tucumcari, N. M., 12-15-19

Editor Tucumcari News, Dear sir:

Some months ago a report was promiscuously circulated regarding the "inefficiency and record of our City Schools" during the superintendency of Mr. J. S. Hofer, and that they were 'not recognized by the Association.'

As I was closely associated during Mr. Hofer's incumbency with him as tended by a goodly number and from cation, from 1910 to 1915, I wrote our State Superintendent, Prof. Wagner, it is understood that Tucumcari is for for authoritive information, as I considered such statement not only derogatory to the efficiency of Mr. Hofer whose record does not require vindication, but a reflection on the Board. In addition to being in charge of an

"inefficient and not recognized school" Mr. Hofer was also guilty of furnish- keep things lively, said it costs less than \$10 per ton to ing tax payers of this city, annually, mine the ore and convert into pig iron. with a statement of receipts and ex-The present market price of pig iron penditures duly audited, and if the tertainm at, as they are always there be better than 300 per cent profit af- information desire any additional data and "cracking" jokes. They were ably the ore. He is anxious that the smel- taxpayers, same will be furnished free Clem Pierce and Lucius Shaff.

For reasons explained in the eltter and in justice to Mr. Hofer, will you kindly publish the same?

Very truly yours, A. D. GOLDENBERG.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 10, 1919.

Sometime this fall you wrote me evening. tory so Tucumcari can compete with with reference to the standing of the other smelters and it is proven to be Tucumcari high school during the ever Blowing Bubbles," and the danc none of our high schools were accredof his mining claims by his sons and ited by the North Central Association more than a half million tons of ore of Colleges and Secondary Schools. are in sight or available. Other es- Since 1916 this Association has stantimates range up to a million tons. dardized eighteen of the high schools in New Mexico-one of them the Tu-

cumcari high school. Since receiving your letter I've been and I find as a result of the investiga- worthy of special mention. tion which I have been making that during the years referred to your high school was ranked as one of the best should be congratulated for this most in the state for its size. I understand worthy undertaking. school were received with freshmen 280,000 MAXIMUM STANDING standing, not only by our own State University and other State schools, and universities outside the State.

With highest regards, I am

State Supt.

NINETY-NINE

Pardon us for lying out so long, but 13 years ago and had seen Tucumcari the fact is we have been noursing our go through many storms and come out grievances and have not felt like sit-

And then again we have been very The railroads and water, and busy harvesting and garnering the big

Yes, we have plenty of corn. pop especially situated for an industrial corn, kafir, mile and beans, but with center. He said "We have sunken the price of these various products many thousands of dollars in proposi- going down and flour and coffee, and sugar and boots and shoes and suits, you convince the citizens you will with all the adjuncts going higher it is enough to give us the blues and to cause us to think we are not getting

> There was feed enough raised in Ute Valley alone this year to furnish a large portion for the stock of this country, yet we notice snapped corn is worth only \$1.15 a hundred and shelled corn only \$1.90, and the staple | the J. A. Dykes Agency in which 2560 table dish is selling for only 3 to 41/2

We farmers begin to think we are not wanted here. Only very few los Hunter and brought a good sum of selling of \$120,000 of the treasury cals are given us in the papers, not money on the Judge's initial investthat we are hankering after these ment which was made in the early things but it shows the drift, and then part of the game. It is not known no comforts are provided for us by publicly what the consideration really the state, but much money is being was nor what the Chicago party inspent for the comfort of the tourist, tends to do with the lease. stead of giving you: money you are Highways are built for him, roads opened by either having the fences removed or bridges made over them.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

chool will meet.

will be: "The presence and visit that looking for a location where material heralded in and still hallows Christ- hopes of the parents be realized.

7:00-The subject will be "The Immovable Kingdom.

services will be rendered. the services.

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Charles William Dean, of Denver, ness men will be given an opportunity Colo., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 be taken up in regard to the plans of is made clear and it is proven to their the new church building which is exsatisfaction the investment is a good pected to be commenced in the early one. The salesmen will be working in spring. Members urged and friends invited to be present.

WILL EXPLAIN THE MATTER ELK'S MINSTREL IS **BIG SUCCESS-LARGE** AUDIENCE PRESENT

The Charity Musical Minstrel given president of our City Board of Edu. was attended by one of the largest audiences ever enclosed in the new theatre. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Elk's Lodge and was a success from every standpoint reflecting credit upon every member of the cast and those who directed same.

T. L. Darneal was right at home as interlocutor, making the comedians

Sandusky and Burnet, as ends, was a guarantee of a most successful enparties who gratutiously scattered the when it comes to singing, performing for instance, the relative cost to the assisted by Jumbo Smith, Victor Smith

The soloes were far above the averattached, Mr. Wagner's answer was Clark, Mrs. D. J. Finegan, Miss Dilage and were given by Miss Edna delayed, and, as a matter of courtesy, lon Cobb Brown, E. P. Smith, Sam Fulton, Lucius Shaff, Mrs. T. L. Darneal, O. Sandusky, Mrs. J. J. Harrison Clem Pierce, Jumbo Smith, Mrs. Morrison, Victor Smith, R. M. Burnet, and Virgil Cowart.

The solo by Mrs. Finegan, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" was one of the most pleasing numbers of the

The solo by Lucius Shaff, "I'm Foryears 1910 to 1915. Prior to 1916 ing chorus composed of six beautifully gowned young ladies, was said by many to have been the most speciacular and pleasing of any number on the program

The singing of Victor Smith was highly enjoyed which was evidenced by the numerous encores. His selections were new and with an excellent into pig iron and steel products, it busy going through the records and voice well trained he captivated the would seem to me that a smelter built consulting other agencies with refer-entire audience. His sister was the

The saxophone quartet, and soloes to build the smelter somewhere in this prior to the time that I came into the by Mrs. Sands, E. F. Smith and the office of state school superintendent, specialty by Celm Pierce were also

In fact the entertainment was well staged and those who participated

ARMY TO BE PERMITTED

but by a number of standard colleges house and senate military committees war department proposals for a I may add that I am well acquainted regular army of 576,000 officers and with Mr. Hofer and I have always men appeared practically certain tohad a very high regard for him as an hight when Chairman Wadsworth pre dicted that the senate committee will fix the strength of the force at about 280,000. The house committee has al-JOHNATHAN H. WAGNER, ready agreed tentatively on a similar program.

A. F. & A. M. ELECT OFFICERS Tucumcari Lodge No. 27, A. F. &

A. M., held its annual election of officers Monday evening, December 15, 1919 and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

R. P. Donohoo, W. M. Arthur Goldenberg, S. W. W. A. Savage, J. W. A. F. Codington, Sec'y, C. B. Hamilton, Treasurer,

The following officers were appointto serve for the ensuing year: Max J. Goldenberg, S. D.

R. B. Read, J. D. J. Gafford, S. S. Paul Potter, J. S. Frank Elliott, Tyler.

CHICAGO PARTY BUYS 2560-ACRE LEASE SOUTH OF HERE

A deal was consummated today by leased to A. G. Diefendorf, of Chicago. The lease was held by Judge C. E.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Sunday morning at the Center St. Methodist church Rev. Lewelling baptised Lois Rae, daughter of Mr. and Sabbath morning 9:45, the Sabbath Mrs. W. R. Coplen, and Burbert Francis. son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sar-11:00-The Rev. Caldwell's subject tain. The ceremony was very attractive and impressive. May the fondest

Don't forget the price of the News will go to \$1.50 the first of January. Music suitable for the memorable Everything has advanced so it is im-You are all cordially invited to all get by. Everybody seems prosperous and those who cannot afford to pay

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music.

Epworth League at 6:30. You are welcome

PANDOLFO RECEIVES TEN-YEAR SENTENCE TO FEDERAL PRISON

passed by Judge Landis:

Chicago, Dec. 16. Federal Judge Landis today sentenced Samuel C. Pan dolfo, organizer and head of the Pan Motor company, St. Cloud, Min., convicted of using the mails to defraud. to serve ten years in a federal penitentiary and fined him \$4,000.

Attorneys for Pandolfo gave notice that his case will be appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals at once.

Pandolfo was found guilty on four lifferent counts of the indictment. Judge Landis sentenced him to serve five year imprisonment on each of the four counts, but stipulated that two of the sentences ran concurrently and at the expiration of those that the other two run concurrently, which will make the sentence ten years. He was fined \$1,000 on each one of the four counts or a total of \$4000.

Tweive other of ials of the Pan Motor Company who were tried with Pandolfo, were acquitted.

The following editorial appeared in the St. Cloud Daily Journal Press in regard to S. C. Pandolfo as follows: THE VERDICT

The verdict of the jury in trial of the officers and directors of the Pan Motor Company, was to be expected as to the directors, but the verdict of guilty on four counts against the president of the company, was not expected, and is a keen disappointment.

The four counts, as we understand it, relate to the selling of stock before Mr. Pandolfo came to St. Cloud, and on these counts the judge charged the jury that the St. Cloud directors could not be held.

The verdict of the jury is, therefore that since the plant was located in St. Cloud, that no official was guilty of any unlawful act.

The alleged unlawful acts, committed by Mr. Pandolfo, was in selling stock before the company was organized, and the use of the mails in such sales, although he later made good in building up a big plant, and but Washington, Dec. 17.-Rejection by for government interference would probably have been making cars in

large numbers at least since July last, St. Cloud people who know the St. Cloud directors never had any doubt as to the outcome as regards these ing for themselves, and no better lot of men can be found in any city. They are all men of the highest character and no jury in the land could have con victed them of any dishonest act-and to have done so would have been a rank miscarriage of justice.

The Journal-Press has several times expressed its opinion of this attempt of the government to break down an important industry, and the result so far as the idrectors were involved. amply sustains its position, that it was persecution, rather than prosecution. To drag men from their own stace, where there are courts and honest jurymen, and subject them to weeks of expensive litigation, when any man with an honest sense of fair play would have known they were not guilty, is certainly a most drastic act.

The government has expended an immense amount of money in this case It has raked the country over with acres of land south of Tucumcari was postoffice inspectors and emptoyes of the so-called department of justice. to have been subpoensed by the district attorney, and only 74 put on the stand. One witness was even brought by totally destroyed. The building is not of the slightest value. When congress starts in on an investigation of the reckless expenditure of the taxpayers' money by government officials, fire was unable to penetrate that side through at any time. a good place to tsart would be in the of the building and no loss was infederal courts.

Mr. Pandolfo is playing in hard luck but in spite of the verdict of the jury his evidence in the slightest degree, will have to be repeated. He did not attempt to evade any of the responsibility, but accepted whatpossible to keep the price at \$1.00 and ever was coming. Some man is Pan.

Now the war is ended, and why it was ever started is still an unsolved \$1.50 cannot afford to pay \$1.00. See mystery, with the government fight there is no reason why the Pan Motor an end. Company should not go ahead and belion dollars is due it on stock pay- had even heard the end was at hand. ments. The company has a well-equip Johnson complained to the police. ped plant, and has perfected probably "Two men came to me last Saturthe market today. The way to suc- \$15.00," he said.

cess is to make them at a profit, and with sufficient working capital, that is a mere matter of manufacturing de-

We congratulate the St. Cloud and the other directors in their complete vindication and we regret that it was not also accorded Mr. Pandolfo, and we wish him better luck next time. But for his efforts and his wonderful ability of organization, St. Cloud would not have had this plant, and The following is the Associated there is not the slightest doubt in the at the H-H Theatre last Monday night Press report in regard to the sentence mind of any man who has given the matter fair consideration that he has acted in good faith, honestly trying to make a wonderful success of the Pan promise made to the stockholders .-St. Cloud Daily Journal-Press.

PRESIDENT MAY NOT PUT ROADS BACK NEW YEAR

Washington, Dec. 17. President Wilson's mind is still open on the question of returning the railroads to today told a delegation representing union labor and some farmers' organ- Mr. McGee being able to complete the izations which called at the White House to present a letter asking the executive to delay return of the roads for two years.

This was the first authoritative expression on the subject which had come from administration quarters since the president informed congress last May that he planned to relinquish federal control by January 1. The president, Mr. Tumulty said, would be glad to get the views of the labor and farmer representatives, who insisted that a fair test of government operation in peace time should be given.

While the delegation was at the White House the senate was speeding up consideration of the Cummins railroad bill and apparently was nearing a final vote. Under the measure the roads would be returned to their owners within thirty days after the bill became a law.

the union labor and farmers' delegaof the American Federation of Labor and representatives of the railroad mins, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, and asked with the other. that his bill be withdrawn. He indibefore the full committee.

The letter from the labor and farmers' delegations to the president said Medies well is a 100 to 1 shot over proponents of the Cummins bill claim- anything in the Amarillo field for the ed that the president planned to re- striking of oil." turn the roads by January 1, and that some legislation providing for such to the public of the exact edpth or

and members of the American Feder- builds a gusher or it may be a small gentlemen. They became members of ation of Labor and the railroad broth producer, but the chances are if oil the board of directors simply to help erhoods as well as the general public is found at this depth it means a big favor an extension of the period of big industrial plant. They asked noth- government operation of the railroads for at least two years, in order that a the onet where he has been on business fair test may have been made of government operation and a plan may be worked out for the ultimate disposal of the roads which would be fair to all interests involved."

bers of the interstate commerce com- it- has been waiting to secure the sermission have shown clearly that the return of the railroads will involve an be remembered that Mr. Lawing who increase in freight rates of close to a propheriod that Quay county would billion dollars. This increase in rates according to the same authorities, will be reflected in an increase cost of live row district as one of the best and ing of at least \$4,000,009,000 a year, possibly \$5,000,000,000. The American people cannot and should not stand

HAAS MAP, CO. LOSES ALL

ITS RECORDS IN BAD FIRE Fire started in the Curren building ecupied by the Haas Map Co., early Wednesday morning. The fire boys were on the job in good time and succeeded in extinguishing the flame ary. Over four hundred witnesses are said but not until the inside of the building was gutted and the maps, drawing and other valuable papers were near-

The east side of the building was occupied by the Peco offices and by keeping the doors and windows closed curred by the Peco.

The front part of the Haas Map Co. he came through the fire of the trial, Exchange and while the desks were Miss Gertrude Montgomery on First as a real man. He was a wonderful hardly injured, the maps and other witness, and the most searching cross papers were badly damaged. There May, Wednesday evening, who was to examination by the government attor- was but a small amount of insurance leave the next day for an extended neys for many hours, never caused on the contents and the loss reprehim the least confusion, or to change sents several months hard work that

BARNUM WAS RIGHT Cleveland, Ohio., Dec. 17.-Charles

Johnson, 65, farmer living at West man. Lois Shields, Florence Haight, Salem, was in Cleveland today with a Lucille Ward, Mrs. Rosie Routh. reserved seat ticket so as to be in the when you are paid to and get in before against a legitimate industry over, front row when the world came to and the guests left for their homes

to buy as many shares as they care next Sunday. Everybody is specially center of importance will come a great success. All it needs is "beginning of the end" was to be May a pleasant welcome when she more working capital, and over a milmore working capital, and over a mil- staged, and finding that no one there returns.

the best automobile for the price on day and sold me a reserved seat for High School Gym Friday evening. If

M'GEE WILL SPUD IN AT SAN JON FIRST PART OF NEXT WEEK

Largest Circulation of Am

Oil development in Quay county is gradually coming into its own. The Endee, San Jon and Rana wells will soon be drilling. The government has lifted the ban on fuel and the promot-Motor plant, and to make good every ers and backers are pushing things to begin work as soon as possible. The reports from Rana say that everything on the ground, while at Endee they are lawy laying water pipes. At San Jon it is expected the company will spud in sometime next week, Mr. Mc-Gee has been in Amarillo this week after the boiler and engine, which are all the missing apparatus. The conprivate ownership, Secretary Tumulty tract calls for spudding before Januand there is no doubt about

> The local McGee well has been tied up the past week on account of lost bit and a fishing job has been in progress. A special tool had to be made ad it is expected that everything will be all right soon and drilling will con-At the present depth it would not be a surprise if sand was entered at any time. Those who know the game say the formation now is showing up well and they are confident Mr. McGee will not miss his estimate of striking the oil sand between 3200 and 3300 feet.

A report from Mr. McGee just before going to press says the well is but the new cable has not arrived which will be necessary to resume drilling. The cable is expected any day now and work will begin as soon as it arrives. There will be no lotter or engine to the San Before going to the White House Jon location as that location will have the necessary equipment by the first tion, which included Samuel Gompers of next week to spud in, so those who the tyen prophisying that this well definitely closed down may brotherhoods, called on Senator Cum- change their reports. Both wells will without interfering one

A much quoted geologist who has cated that he would lay the request hear a frequent visitor to Quay county, was here the first of the week and made the following statement: Not such a bad reto the public of the exact depth or return must be enacted immediately. the present formation but according "We believe that this assertion is a to Mr. McGree the time is almost here great injustice to you," continued the for the striking of sand and if sand "As you doubtless know, an is struck in the hard lime formation overwhelming majority of the farmers now in evidence. The oil sand may

W. H. Palmer is here again from the Olark Drilling Co. He expects my day to be ready to begin operation on the Woodrow site. Two cars if misterial have been unloaded and more unived this week. His company "Director General Hines and mem- has not made the location as yet but a manufacture geologist. It will some day be one of the greatest oil ald in the world, chose this Woodhe Palmer location is supposed to be and on one of Mr. Lawing's selections.

C. W. Wilmuth, of Kentucky, who is financing the Dripping Springs well was here this week. He said he was going home for the holidays but exsected to return shortly after the first of January. He expects much oil excitement the first of the year. The Drapping Springs well is to spud in cometime during the first of Febru-

The Trigg location 26 miles north, backed by Commanche No. 2 will be again as soon as fuel can be procured. The boiler was changed to oil hurner instead of coal and owing ine railroad situation it seems that cannot be obtained. Several cars have been ordered and they may come

MISS MONTGOMERY ENTERTAINS A number of young ladies were most was occupied by Haas & Wright Oil pleasantly entertained at the home of in honor of her sister, Miss

in the state of Georgia. The evening was spent in cards and dancing. Those present were Misses Germaine Baer, Mary Kaberich, Hester Harvey, Anna May Ward, Wilma Dodson, Sophia Stallard, Irma Dietz-

Dainty refreshments were served wishing the hostess many more such After going to a house where the pleasant occasions and assured Miss

> The High School oasket ball team will play the local town team at the you want to see a good game, Come!